

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 16, 2002

Members Present

Stewart Martin, MD
Peter Bruzzo, DO
Fred Sloan, MD
John Potter, MD
Dave Garth, MD
John Rawls, MD
Sabina Braithwaite, MD
Kimberly Mitchell, MD
Peter Sims, MD

Others Present

Michael Berg
Larry Oliver
Scott Winston
Ken Clark
Jeffrey Reynolds
Joanne Lapetina, MD
Warren Short

Dr. Martin called the meeting to order at 10:35 AM in the conference room at the Office of EMS.

Dr. Martin requested each present to introduce themselves.

Motion by John Rawls seconded by John Potter to accept the minutes of the last meeting...Passed.

Item 4: Advisory Board Action on Curriculum Recommendations

The committee was informed the Advisory Board approved the recommendations of the Medical Direction Committee and Human Resources and Training Committee unanimously.

Item 5: Review of Skill Recommendation:

The intent of this list is to identify acceptable skill practice by EMS providers based upon certification level. This will define the scope of practice referred to in the regulations. Change to this list requires Medical Direction Committee approval with a recommendation forwarded to the EMS Advisory Board for acceptance.

See the attached list. Those items in bold identify action suggested by the Medical Direction Committee at this meeting.

Discussion of skill item 43 prompted the need to develop a position paper on which intravenous fluid additives initiated by a health care facility could be safely monitored by EMTs and Enhanced providers. Dr. Garth accepted the challenge to draw the draft paper.

Motion by Dr. Sloan, seconded by Dr. Sims to accept the EMS Approved Skills list as amended...Passed.

Item 6: Review of Medication Recommendation:

The intent of this list is to identify an acceptable list of medications used EMS providers based upon certification level. This will define the scope of practice referred to in the regulations. Change to this list requires Medical Direction Committee approval with a recommendation forwarded to the EMS Advisory Board for acceptance.

See the attached list. Those items in bold identify action suggested by the Medical Direction Committee at this meeting.

There were some concerns about the use of certain medications as a result of weapons of mass destruction and the need for administration by EMS providers. The Approved Medication list for EMS providers is for routine practice of non-interfacility responses. A footnote is to be added to the list indicating that medication administration as a result of WMD is exempt from this list, but still must have medical control oversight. Any medications used during inter-medical facility transports not on this list must be reviewed and approved in writing by the transport agencies medical director and must be transported in an advanced life support ambulance.

Motion by Dr. Rawls, seconded by Dr. Mitchell to accept the EMS Approved Medication list as amended...Passed.

Item 7: MDC Symposium Program:

It was decided that Medical Direction would sponsor an advanced airway class. The program will provide 2 sessions due to past popularity. The request is that the sessions be on the same day. Sabina will coordinate this program.

Item 8: Medical direction Program for Symposium

The committee indicated support for a basic program in the morning and new topics and issues for an afternoon session. Pre-assigned reading materials would be issued for the morning attendees to facilitate the abbreviated program. Drs. Dudley and Braithwaite will coordinate.

Item 9: Old Business

Dr. Martin indicated he had received the pilot request from Dr. Gordon, made a few suggested changes and approved the request.

Item 10: New Business: NONE

Item 11: Public Comment: NONE

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2002 at 10:30 AM in the EMS office.

Dr. Joanne Lapetina provided an update on the terrorism task force.

The meeting was adjourned.